

Central Intelligence Agency



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The Honorable Joseph P. Addabbo
Chairman, Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

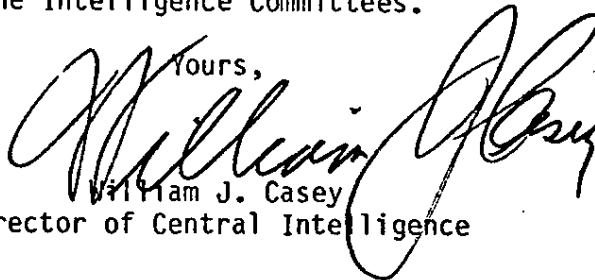
Dear Joe,

I discontinued publication of the news clipping service because it was costing \$60,000 a year and, more importantly, too many people were spending large amounts of time reading news clippings which I believe should be used in carrying out their work for the Agency.

There was no denial of this service to Congressional Committees and thus no reaffirmation of that decision. Some of us here get a brief summarization of the principal news stories which can be glanced at rather than read for half an hour.

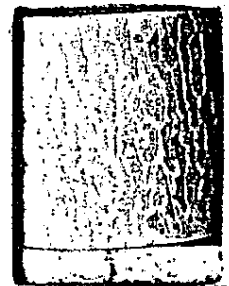
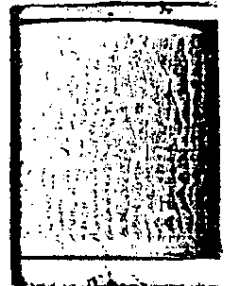
I have directed that these summaries be provided to your Committee and the Intelligence Committees.

Yours,



William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: Director, Office of External Affairs
SUBJECT: CIA News Clipping Service

1. Action Requested: Consider Chairman Addabbo's request to receive CIA's media clips.

2. Background:

a. During the 10 March NFIP Overview, you were asked about the news clipping service (page 25 of transcript).

b. The answer you gave was: "We are no longer distributing newspaper clippings or summaries to Congressional Committees or other government agencies. Several months ago I directed that extensive distribution of newspaper clippings on intelligence issues be sharply curtailed. The effort had mushroomed and was not cost effective. Now major intelligence media items are very briefly paraphrased and made available for the benefit of senior Agency officials."

3. A letter to Chairman Addabbo agreeing to his request and one denying the request are attached for your consideration.

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Remarks:

Please prepare reply for
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Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear Director Casey:

During the Committee's recent hearing on the FY 1984 National Foreign Intelligence Program budget, I requested that the Committee again be included on the "mailing list" for the CIA's news clipping service. Prior to its being discontinued, this service was extremely beneficial to the Committee members and staff. I understand that major intelligence media items are still available within the intelligence community, but that the decision to deny this service to congressional committees has been reaffirmed.

Bill, I believe you should reconsider this decision, and I again request that the Committee's "subscription" to the CIA news clipping service be renewed.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Addabbo
Chairman
Defense Subcommittee



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